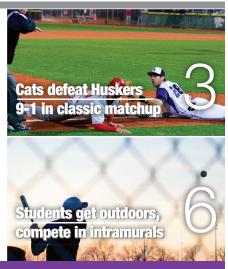
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## Work-study, opportunity grants survive federal cuts from sequester

**Andy Rao** 

With the recent news of proposed state budget cuts, university funding issues and the additional government spending cuts that may soon be on the way, the outlook for K-State's balance sheet looks bleak, to say the very least.

Fortunately, K-State will escape one set of cuts which will allow the university to preserve available support for programs such as work-study jobs and federal opportunity grants for students with exceptional financial need.

The federal sequestration, more commonly known as the sequester, is set to reduce work-study programs for universities nationwide by \$36.7 million and the Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant by \$33.6 million.

According to a report compiled on Feb. 27 by the National Asso-ciation of Student Financial Aid Administrators, K-State's budgets for work-study and opportunity grants which totaled \$795,440 and \$466,823, will remain untouched, allowing hundreds of students to maintain on-campus jobs and continue to apply for various grants.

"For students, getting enough money together to pay rent and utilities is enough of a struggle,"

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## Wildcats to host Utah in **WNIT** semifinal



Jacob Dean Wilson | Collegian

Junior guard **Chantay Caron** receives a standing ovation from the crowd and Wildcat bench after scoring a career-high 19 points during K-State's 66-48 win over Illinois on Saturday in Bramlage Coliseum.

Nicolas Wahl

Looking to clinch its fifth consecutive postseason win, the K-State women's basketball team (19-17) will host the Utah Utes (22-13) in a WNIT semifinal matchup tonight at 7 p.m. in Bramlage Coliseum.

The Wildcats will be playing in their 37th game of the season, a school record, and they welcome a Pac-12 foe for just the sixth

time in school history. Utah is the second high-major conference opponent for the Wildcats in as many games. Like Illinois did last Saturday in the quarterfinals, the Utes present a challenge inside for the undersized Wildcats as the Canadian duo of 6-foot-4 Michelle Plouffe and 6-foot-3 Taryn Wicijowski, both juniors, anchor the Utes in the post.

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# A NEW CHAPTER



Mayor pro tem **John Matta**, commissioner **Wynn Butler**, Mayor **Loren Pepperd** and commissioner **James Sherow** listen to public comments at Tuesday's City Commission meeting after the day's elections in which Karen McCulloh, Usha Reddi and incumbent Rich Jankovich were elected to the commission. The new commissioners will be sworn in on April 16 and will replace Sherow and Pepperd.

#### Karen McCulloh, Usha Reddi, Rich Jankovich elected to Manhattan City Commission on Tuesday

Sean Frye

Karen McCulloh, Usha Reddi and incumbent Rich Jankovich were all elected to the Manhattan City Commission on Tuesday. Mc-Culloh received the most votes of the six candidates running, while Reddi and Jankovich

McCulloh received 19 percent of the 6,930 votes cast, Reddi received 17.5 percent and Jankovich got 16.9 percent.

John Ball, Daniel Hogan, Debbie Nuss and Bob Strawn were the other candidates running, and these four candidates received 13.4, 4.5, 14.6 and 13.7 percent of the votes respec-

Some of Hogan's struggles in the race can be attributed to the fact that he was unable to run

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## **City Commission discusses** contract with Midwest ATC

staff writer

With the city elections heavily on their minds, the Manhattan City Commission met on Tuesday night. They passed all three measures on the agenda, including a deal that will allow the city to negotiate a contract with Midwest Air Traffic Control services.

The contract, which will serve as a short-term agreement between the two parties, is a result of the federal government's sequestration, which cut federal funding to Midwest ATC. This agreement will allow the city to step in and fund the contract while the sequestration plays itself out.

"We're going to take over the contract," said commissioner Rich Jankovich, who was re-elected on Tuesday night. "Their positions were being taken away because of the sequestration. We're trying to stabilize that between now and the end of the fiscal year for the federal government."

The City Commission also approved measures to extend the development agreement between the city and Noble Hospitality, which will build a Holiday Inn Express on the south side of Manhattan, and a measure to accept the economic development application of Continental Mills.

## Author discusses sexual awareness, relationships

Jeana Lawrence staff writer

Harlan Cohen combined comedy and sexual awareness Tuesday night in the Little Theatre in an event hosted by the Sexual Health Awareness Peer Educators group. Cohen is known for his New York Times best-selling book "The Naked Roommate: And 107 Other Problems You Might Run Into College," as well as for his advice columns in the New York Times.

"His approach is more relatable," said Neva Fisher, peer educator and senior in social sciences. "You want to be most effective in delivering this message because the topic is so serious.

Cohen talked mainly about healthy relationships, how to recognize bad ones and even how

to start a relationship. During the speech he encouraged students to anonymously email him questions that he would answer over the course of the evening. The first question he received concerned an individual who wanted to transition from a relationship to a friendship.

"You have to have a life independent of the other," Cohen said. Don't confuse great memories with future relationships."

According to Cohen, it is important for an individual to recognize that he or she had great times with another and that there might always be feelings there, but those feelings should not get in the way of new relationships.

During the speech, Cohen also walked around the Little Theatre

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New York Times best-selling author Harlan Cohen signs books for Qiwu Zhu, freshman in psychology, and Rebecca Kaye, freshman in philosophy, on Tuesday night in the Union. Kaye and Zhu are the president and vice president of Wildcats Against Rape.

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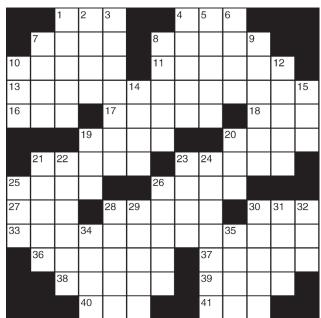


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**Malissa Marie Yvonne Suchan**, of the 800 block of Church Avenue, was booked for probation violation. Bond was set at \$750.

**Travis Michael Briggs**, of McPherson, Kan., was booked for probation violation. Bond was set at \$688.16.

**Jason Robert Judd**, of Junction City, was booked for probation violation. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Jody Lynn Attaway, of Maud, Texas, was booked for probation violation. Bond was

set at \$5,000.

Joseph Marquel Griffiths, of the 900 block of Fourth Street, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at

Mark Stephen Love Jr., of

Topeka, was booked for driving under the influence and driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license. Bond was set at \$20,000.

**Joshua Dean Weeks**, of Wamego, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$750.

**Jacob Lee Denton**, of El Dorado, Kan., was booked for two counts of failure to appear. Bond was set at \$2,500.

**Benjamin William Braden**, of Holton, Kan., was booked for misdemeanor theft, criminal use of a financial card and burglary of a vehicle. Bond was set at \$1,000.

**Sarah Ann Fairchild**, of the 2700 block of Moehlman Road, was booked for driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license. Bond was set at \$750.

compiled by Katie Goerl

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Wait ... there's coastal range along the coast?! Tell me more, professor.

**Next** thing I know my bike will have a \$50 parking ticket. SMH, Parking Services.

To the pole vaulter in wildlife management class: Stop wearing that shirt to class. Better yet, just stop wearing all shirts to class. Sincerely, every girl in wildlife management.

I am sure it will be long after you are gone, but I have heard rumors of a free parking garage that will be built at the Rec for students.

**Did** anyone else see Logan running a marathon the other day?

**Darrington** Clark, your April Fool's article has me ImBLACKao!!! Funny yet genius- I get it!

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Wichita State trash talking us is humorous. It's a commuter school in Wichita and we've had their back this whole time.

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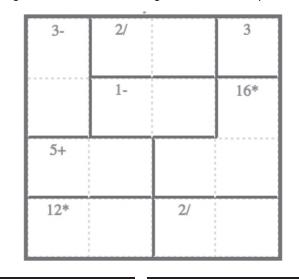
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## Wildcat baseball team shuts down Nebraska 9-1



Junior third baseman R.J. Santigate looks to umpire Bob Holmoka for the call after Nebraska's Austin Darby slid into third base on Tuesday at Tointon Family Stadium. Darby was declared out and the Wildcats went on to beat the Huskers 9-1

**Spencer Low** 

Led by a monster offensive performance by senior outfielder Tanner Witt, the Wildcat baseball team dominated the Nebraska Cornhuskers 9-1 on Tuesday in Tointon Family Stadium. Witt went a perfect 5-5 on offense, finishing a triple shy of the cycle.

"He had a big game. It's hard to get two or three hits a game, and to keep it together and get five, and that last hit, that was a big one, the one that put the nail in the coffin with those two RBIs," said head

coach Brad Hill.

Witt's five hits set a career high, eclipsing his previous career high of three hits, a feat he had done twice before. The senior also drove in four runs and scored three more, accounting for seven of the nine runs scored by K-State on the evening. His two-run single in the seventh put the Wildcats up by six, putting the game out of reach for the Huskers. One of his five hits was a solo homer in the third inning, his first since his freshman season in

Junior third baseman R.J. Santigate and senior left fielder Jon

Davis each added two hits on offense. Davis also had one RBI, drew two walks and was hit by a pitch for the 13th time this season, reaching

base in all five trips to the plate.
On the mound, freshman Blake McFadden delivered a solid start, earning the win to give him a 2-1 record this season. The righthander pitched three scoreless innings and gave up only one hit while striking out two.

"He's been getting better and better each time out," said Hill of McFadden. "He's getting more and more confidence in himself and we're getting more and more confident in him, so we'll probably let him have a start on Sunday."

McFadden was followed by sophomore Nate Williams, who pitched three more innings with one hit and two strikeouts, but allowed one unearned run, the only one Nebraska would score all game. McFadden will likely take Williams' spot in the rotation this weekend, shifting Williams back to the bullpen, where he pitched all last season. Freshmen Levi MaVorhis and Jake Matthys each pitched a scoreless inning before Witt finished the game by tossing a

Senior center fielder Jared King, a preseason All-American, was hit by a pitch in the shin during his at-bat in the third inning. King came around to score later in the inning, but was pulled from the game after the fifth inning, with Witt moving over to center field from right to take his spot on defense.

Tomorrow night, the Wildcats host the University of Nebraska-Omaha at 6:30 p.m. Senior righty Jake Doller will get the start for K-State. Doller has a 1.85 ERA in 24 1/3rd innings pitched this season, striking out 23 batters in that span.

## March Madness entertainment driven, does not reward best basketball teams



One of the many beauties of March Madness is the classic Cinderella story. Watching an underestimated, less publicized team defeat goliath after goliath en route to a deep run in the NCAA tournament may be the most enjoyable aspect of the annual basketball battle royale.

That is, unless your school is on the receiving end of David's

When K-State lost to La Salle in the second round of the NCAA tournament. Wildcat fans had to stomach the fact that their team was the one standing in the way of Cinderella's run. With the excitement and pageantry of a 68-team tournament comes the upsets and disheartening finishes to many teams' seasons. This year was simply K-State's turn to be on the wrong end of the underdog story.

Does a second-round exit properly reflect the quality

of this K-State team or its aspects is good, but it's bad season? No, but that's how the cookie crumbles with March Madness. The purpose of the NCAA tournament is not to determine accurately what the best team in the country is, it's to provide a three-week-long whirlwind of entertainment that captures television sets

across the country. The chaos of the NCAA tournament may be its most captivating attraction, but what the madness adds in drama it takes away from the tournament's credibility. Upsets are such a common occurrence in modern college basketball that it's almost more surprising if the tournament favorites actu-

ally make it to the Final Four. Sure, teams that had the better regular seasons are rewarded with higher seeds, but how valuable are those really? K-State played a 13-seeded team with "La Salle" printed on their jerseys, but they might as well have been playing the '95 Bulls considering how the Explorers couldn't miss a shot

in the first half of that game. Parity in college basketball has been expanding for years, and it's a trend that doesn't seem to be stopping anytime soon. Smaller schools are closing the gap with powerhouse programs, which in certain

for maintaining some form of order in the postseason.

Georgetown lost to 15seeded Florida Gulf Coast in the second round of the tournament handily, and it wasn't just a stroke of luck. The Eagles were a good team, so good in fact, that they made it to the Sweet Sixteen — a first for a 15-seed.

If the supposedly worst teams in the field of 68 are now considered dangerous, do seedings even matter? There doesn't seem to be a whole lot of benefit anymore from earning a higher seed. Low-seeded teams defeating one of the top programs used to be a rare occurrence, but now it's a yearly

Having more evenly matched teams in the field leads to more exciting and unpredictable basketball, but it also leads to programs feeling shortchanged in the postseason. No matter how much was accomplished in the regular season, all of it can be considered a failure because of one bad matchup or performance

in the tournament. If this were college football, teams that excelled in the regular season would be

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Senior outfielder Tanner Witt rounds the third base and heads to home plate for K-State's first run of the game against the Nebraska Cornhuskers at Tointon Family Stadium on Tuesday. Witt had five hits in the game, setting a new career high



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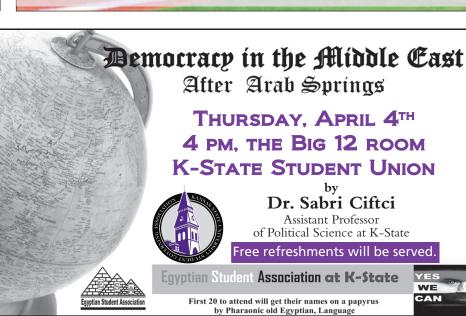
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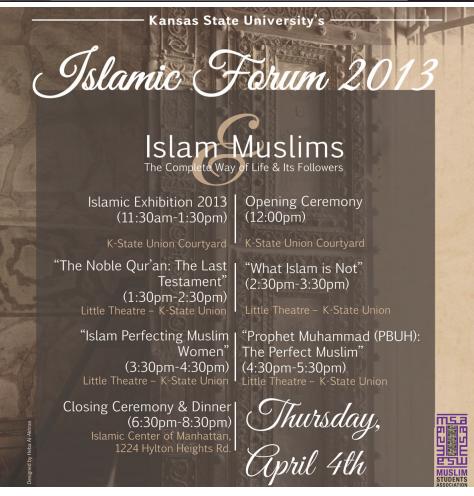
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## Rock Springs provides resources for campus groups



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Kansas youth practice their archery skills at Rock Springs 4-H Center during the summer. K-State students work and volunteer at the camp during the summer, as well as attend retreats and events there during the year. Rock Springs is located near Junction City and is comprised of over 700 acres and 60 buildings.

Melanie Thomas

Rock Springs 4-H Center may be known as a meeting place and camp for Kansas 4-H groups, but it has become much more than that in the decades that it has been open.

The center, which was founded in 1946, is located near Junction City, only about a half-hour drive from Manhattan. It has grown from what once was a centralized camping facility to a 735-acre, 60-building year-round camp, conference and retreat center open to various groups, including K-State students.

"There's very few things we don't do," said Mike Spohn, operations manager of Rock Springs. "We offer a wide variety of recreational activities — traditional camping activities, such as horseback riding, canoeing and archery, but we also have a large environmental education program that includes things like studying stream life."

Rock Springs also offers on-site housing, from rustic buildings for camping to lodge-style buildings. It also contains meeting rooms, a 400-seat auditorium, environmental education building and full food service. The center is host to many weddings throughout the year as well as events that are open to the public, such as the upcoming Wildflower Walk, which will take place

K-State faculty and students have built a close relationship with Rock Springs. Many campus groups, clubs and organizations use Rock Springs for meetings, retreats and training events. One such group is the Leadership Challenge program, which is part of the School of Leadership Studies. This year, the group held its annual retreat at Rock Springs from Feb. 28 to March 3.

Leadership Challenge gives students a chance to develop their leadership skills and meet with other students who are interested in cultivating their leadership abilities, all while coming up with ideas for ways to improve K-State.

r ways to improve K-State. "In general, Leadership Challenge is supposed to challenge you as a leader, and to kind of find out who you are and then grow in that aspect of your leadership," said John Rosa, sophomore in chemis-

Rosa has attended Leadership Challenge for the past two years and helped lead group discussions as a junior expedition leader this year. He said that the retreat's fairly remote location helped the event succeed.

"I think it's really good that they hold it at Rock Springs. One, it's a beautiful area. I really love Rock Springs. But also, it gets you away from cell phone service," Rosa said. "We stayed in Leadership Lodge, which has WiFi, but for most of the day, you're away from technology. You're away from your phone and all that other stuff and that really kind of builds on the self-reflection and personal growth."

Beth Reichenberger, sophomore in political science, agreed that getting away from technology really helped her experience with Leadership Challenge.

"I didn't have any cell phone service for those four days at all, and I almost think that was beneficial in the sense that you weren't connected with the people that you knew already. You weren't connected to Facebook or Twitter," Reichenberger said. "I think that definitely made the program more successful because it was just like 50 of us out there in the middle of the woods making friends."

Kristen Graham, freshman in psychology, also attended this year's Leadership Challenge, but it wasn't her first time at the camp. Graham had the opportunity to experience Rock Springs as a junior high and high school student. In seventh grade, Graham attended a Kansas Association of Youth event at Rock Springs, where she got to experience the outdoors and ride a horse for the first time.

"I loved it. I grew up in Junction City, so I didn't really get out to the country that much," Graham said. "But when I went to Rock Springs, it was the first time I got out in the open country." The camp provides a beautiful atmosphere for enjoying and learning about different things, she

"It's really gorgeous in the springtime when all the trees and flowers are blooming," Graham said.

Rock Spring's close ties with K-State go beyond providing a meeting space, though. The center is owned and operated by the Riley County branch of 4-H, which runs out of K-State Research and Extension located in Umberger Hall.

Rock Springs hires more than 50 students as summer staff to help run the center and the camp groups that use it. Between 12 and 15 students are employed part time at the center during the school year. Rock Springs also provides a long list of business contacts to students who have worked there, so employment with the center is a great networking opportunity as well

To learn more about Rock Springs or for opportunities to work or volunteer at the center, visit *rocksprings.net*.

# Bilal's solo album highlights singer's vocal range, creative songwriting

"A Love Surreal"

★★★☆
album review by Chris Harrison

American singer and songwriter Bilal Sayeed Oliver, more widely known simply as "Bilal," is one of the most talented vocalists in the music business. Usually associated with the "neo-soul" movement of the early 2000s, Bilal lets out powerful emotions when he sings and has virtually unlimited range.

Despite his immense talent, he's mostly known for his collaborations with rappers like Common, Talib Kweli and Mos Def. In addition to his work with the famed Soulquarians production supergroup, Bilal has also released multiple acclaimed, yet overlooked, solo projects.

"Á Love Surreal," released Feb. 26, is a bit of a departure from his previous solo efforts. Inspired by John Coltrane's classic "A Love Supreme," this album still contains a few genre-bending tracks (such as the rock-inspired "Longing and Waiting"), but the sound is more conventional than on 2010's "Airtight's Revenge." Bilal's new album features more acoustic guitar and less futuristic sounds, particularly on the second half of the album where the tempo decreases. The experimentation here is easier to digest than it is in some of his older work.

The album's first song, "West Side Girl," is a mid-tempo track with a spaced-out instrumental

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courtesy photo

# Documentary discusses hunger, obesity issues throughout U.S.

"A Place at the Table"

★★★☆☆ movie review by Karen Sarita Ingram

When the news is always full of buzz words about the "obesity epidemic" in the United States, some might find it difficult to imagine that 50 million Americans are struggling just to find their next meal. It may be hard to believe that these two seemingly unrelated issues are blood brothers. How can starving people be fat? "A Place at the Table," a documentary released in theaters March Í, exposes hunger in America and explores how and why it is so closely related to issues of obesity.

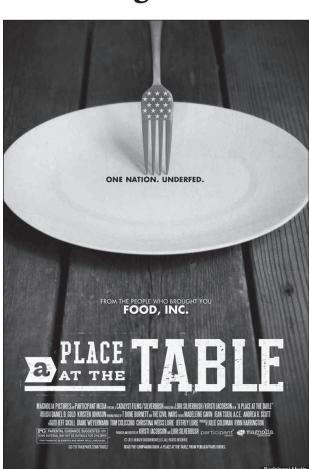
This documentary, directed by Kristi Jacobson and Lori Silverbush, does a very good job of explaining the facts. It includes interviews with dozens of sources, case studies of families across the U.S. and splashy graphics to illustrate the hard data in a way that anyone can understand.

There is no one single

There is no one single cause for food insecurity in America; rather, many factors contribute to the problem. The filmmakers touch upon how the U.S. Department of Agriculture has been subsidizing farmers to grow foods that are made specifically to be processed into junk food, not to be eaten as fruits and vegetables.

As a result, it is getting progressively more expensive to eat healthy, while junk food is getting cheaper. For people who have difficulty paying rent and bills, buying groceries for the family is about quantity, not quality. Options are limited.

Sometimes, options are limited for these people



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because of availability. Viewers are introduced to "food deserts" — regions where the local grocery stores do not often carry fresh fruit, vegetables and other healthier foods because of the cost of shipping such perishable goods. Again, this might be hard to believe if your family has never experienced lower income conditions, but there are a lot of "food deserts" out there. Many of them are in urban areas.

urban areas.

The documentary explains that hunger was almost erased in America in the 1970s, until economic woes caused social programs to

be slashed under the Reagan administration. It shows how the current system of social programs, such as food stamps and WIC (which stands for Women, Infants and Children), are woefully inadequate and getting worse. Half of America's children will have been on some sort of food assistance by the time they reach adulthood.

I only really have two complaints about this documentary. First, it's a little on the short side — only 84 minutes. Second, while a wide variety

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of sources and interviews are used, and I found it to be very informative and well-researched, I found this documentary to be a little one-sided. Perhaps it's the journalist in me, but I would have liked to hear more from other perspectives, such as people who truly believe slashing assistance programs is necessary for the good of our country. I want to

know why they think this way.
I give "A Place at the Table" 4 out of 5 stars. It will teach you something, no matter what your economic status is, and unless you have no heart, you should feel something. Actor Jeff Bridges said in this documentary that, for him, it's a matter of patriotism. How can we stand proud as a powerful nation when our neighbors are starving? I couldn't agree more. If this documentary doesn't make you angry, or at least disgusted, with the way our fellow Americans are being treated, I question your love for this great country.

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## **BILAL** | Ballads high point of cohesive album

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and smooth vocals. It's also the most danceable song on the album, as he sings, "I got one question; could you roll with a cat like me?"

"Back To Love" features Bilal singing about chasing a girl over a bouncy, stuttering beat. "Winning Hand" is both one of the album's highlights and its turning point. It's the most upbeat song on the album, as Bilal's vocals ride a rolling bass line while the song builds toward the chorus. During the chorus, a piano and hard-driving guitar complement the drum loop. The song culminates with a shift into

the lower register and a gradually slowing tempo.

Although the middle of the album drags on a bit (particularly the underwhelming song "Climbing"), Bilal really excels on the ballads at the end of the album. On "Astray," he shows off his considerable vocal range, moving effortlessly from an incredible falsetto into the lower range without missing a beat. "Butterfly" is a continuation of the impressive chemistry he built with Robert Glasper on last year's excellent "Black Radio" album. The sparse, warm piano melody provides plenty of space for Bilal to shine. It's a very soothing song and the album's best track.

"The Flow" turns the tempo back up as Bilal closes the album with an inspirational song that blends hip-hop, neo-soul and rock into one cohesive whole. While it's a very good song, it likely would have sounded better in the middle of the album than at its end.

In general, "A Love Surreal" is another very strong album from Bilal, who once again shows off his considerable talent and ability to seamlessly blend genres in new and unlikely ways. I would definitely recommend it, and rate it 4 out of

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## **COHEN** | Student interaction, questions encouraged at lecture

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asking students about their past and current relationships. One such student was Thomas Holmes, junior in hotel and restaurant man-

"I was surprised and embarrassed," Holmes said. "But I really liked that part of the show when he interviewed the audience. It was very comical."

While Holmes was willing to talk about his preferences in a partner and past relationships, other audience members were not as eager. Michelle Keener, freshman in agricultural education, was one such

"When he called on me, my heart dropped," Keener said. "But it was a really good show."

Throughout the speech, Cohen stressed that sexual partners should talk about getting tested for

STDs before having sex. "If you have these things, you're not doomed," Cohen said.

Cohen also addressed common misconceptions in relationships, such as the idea that sharing feelings is stupid or that hooking up is

easier than dating.
"We really don't know who we are until our mid-20s," Cohen said. "It's those college relationships that help define us. And sometimes it can be painful."

He also talked about his own sexual history, starting from kin-dergarten and the girl he thought was pretty to the time he met his wife. In high school, Cohen faced his own insecurities about his weight and why girls did not like

"That's when I decided to be comfortable in my own skin," Cohen said.

Cohen recommends that students should likewise be comfortable with how they look by "being comfortable in their thongs.

Cohen said that there are three thongs people should be comfortable in. One is a physical thong. Cohen recommends that individuals should look at themselves in the mirror and decide what they like, what they do not like and what they can change.

"Commit to changing or love what you cannot change," Cohen

The second thong is a metaphorical thong called the "emo-tional thong." This step includes thinking about what an individual does that makes them feel bad, and why they keep doing that action. Then Cohen addressed the spiritual thong, which involves looking at pleasures outside of relationships.

"Abusers will make you uncomfortable in all three thongs," Cohen

Finally, Cohen urged all students to express their feelings for whomever they may find attractive.

"If you tell someone you're interested in them, at least they know," Cohen said. "There is a universal rejection truth: thousands will want you, but millions won't. When you face rejection, you either embrace it or fight it. Embrace the universal rejection truth and you won't be hanging out of your thong."

Some students said they found this informative and applicable to real life. Rosemichel Joseph, freshman in open option, said that she plans on passing the advice to a

"It was really helpful tonight," Joseph said. "It's important to be educated about your sexual health and what's good and what's bad."

## **ELECTIONS** | Schooley pleased with results

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an intensive campaign due to his newborn child being held in the neonatal intensive care unit in Topeka.

The three incumbent commissioners are Wynn Butler, Jankovich and John Matta. According to Jankovich, with McCulloh and Reddi being elected, his stance as the "swing vote" on a variety of issues has now been enhanced.

"I've been told that I've been the swing vote and that I'm right in the middle. Well, I'm really in the middle now," Jankovich said. "It's a really interesting election. I got caught in the vin and the yang last time, and now Í'm caught in it this time."

McCulloh and Reddi were both elected to four-year terms as they received the most votes. Jankovich was elected to a two-year term for coming in third place.

The swing vote that Jankovich identified is in relation to a perceived split in ideologies that currently exist on the commission. Butler and Matta, both of whom donated money to the Ball and Strawn campaigns, are often at odds with current commissioners Loren Pepperd and James Sherrow.

'That's my impression," Jankovich said. "I've worked with Karen and I know Usha really well, so you're going to see two opposites a lot. But that's OK. That's a good balance for the community because it speaks for what the community is."

While Jankovich may be that swing vote on contentious issues, he says he does not pay much mind to

"I don't care," Jankovich said. "If I'm the middle or the swing, then I am. You just do what you have to do and represent the citizens. I don't mind it because I'm elected to do what I'm supposed to do."

K-State Student Governing Association president-elect Eli Schooley has paid a fair amount of attention to the City Commission, and he fully believes that the divide does exist. He also believes that the two newly-elected candidates, along with Jankovich, have K-State's best interests in mind.

"I think that's an accurate assumption," Schooley said. "I believe that Rich is a really impressive guy. I think he really does have the university's best interest at heart."

McCulloh believes the most important thing regarding the City Commission's relationship with K-State is improving communication

"I'm very receptive to talking with students," McCulloh said. "I'm happy to come to talk to the Student Senate

Schooley was very excited about the results of the election. Last week he endorsed Jankovich, Reddi, Mc-Culloh and Nuss.

"I felt very good about the results," Schooley said. "The three individuals that prevailed will show in the future that they value K-State and that they will make K-State and Manhattan a better place for the students that go

One of the primary issues that Schooley believes the commission should address is public transportation in the city of Manhattan.

"I've spoken with a few candidates, and I believe that transportation is a primary issue," Schooley said. "I'm excited to move forward with that

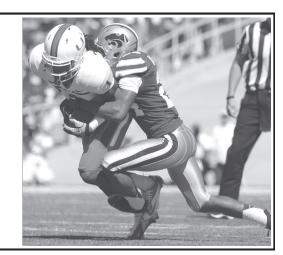
McCulloh also supported installing a more efficient system of public transportation in Manhattan. She referenced KU's transportation system as a possible model to follow. Reddi could not be reached for

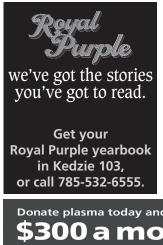
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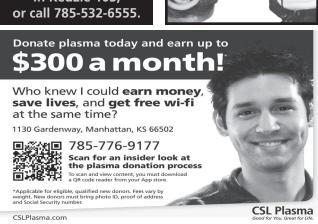
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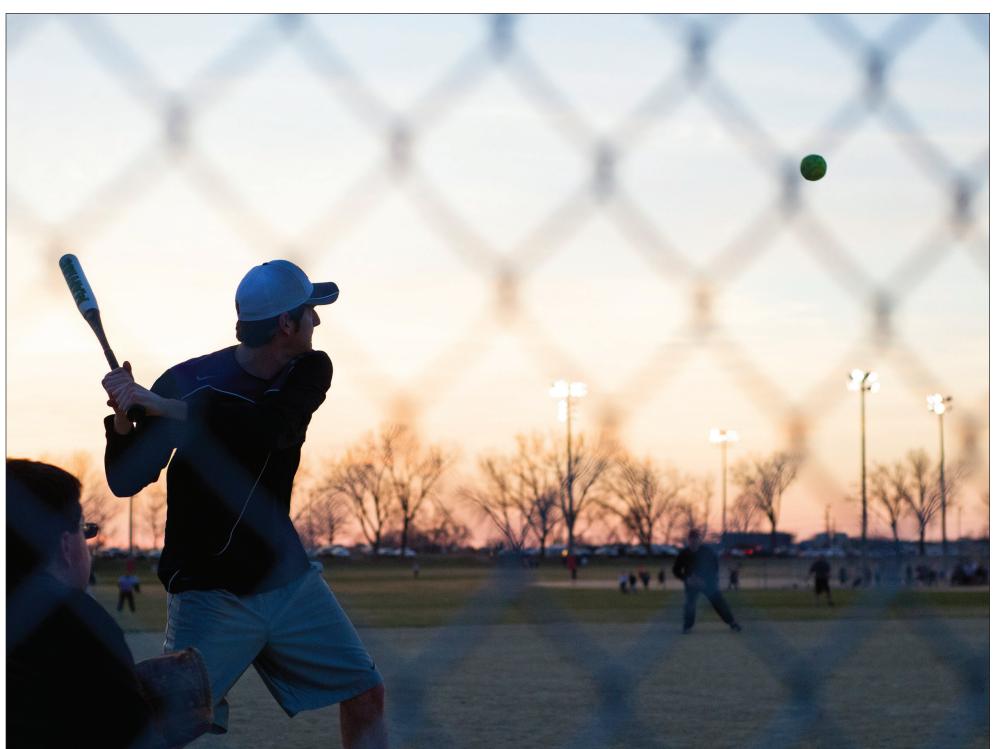
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## Students spend time outdoors as spring begins slowly but steadily



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Winding up to hit a home run, Ben Spencer, junior in social sciences, helps his intramural softtball team Scared Hitless in a game against the Vet Med team Tuesday night at the softball fields near the Peters Recreation Complex. Dust from prarie burning created a colorful sunset while many students got outside to enjoy the weather.

# MARCH | Winning a title becoming nearly impossible

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playing in a single game that reflected their successes. In the NCAA tournament, nothing is given and teams are expected to overcome ridiculous odds if they want something to show for their efforts.

The BCS is one of the most despised postseason systems in sports. It lacks all the flashiness and romanticism of a playoff. But does it do an adequate job of crowning the best team in its sport as champion? I would

say yes.

March Madness has become such a cluster bomb of uncertainty that it's hard to take the whole process seriously. When the tournament consisted of fewer teams, having a successful regular season was far more rewarding.

Back in the day, making the NCAA tournament was special. Only a select group of teams got into the field and all those programs deserved to be there. It was a condensed group of quality teams and any of them could cut down the nets.

It's the same today in terms of everyone having a legitimate opportunity to win a championship, but there's a monumental difference between winning it all out of a group of 16 compared to a field of 68. It was once only difficult to win a title; now it seems like a nearly impossible task considering all of the factors in play.

The NCAA tournament is an entertainment-driven post-season that has become more about generating excitement than determining who the best team in the country is. It may make for great television ratings, but with the prospect of any team being able to get hot and go all the way, there's a bit too much madness in March to be considered an accurate process for crowning a champion.

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## National news briefs: crime

Mark Kern sports editor

### New York senator charged in election bribery case

New York State senator Malcolm Smith, a Democrat, was one of six people charged in a bribery scheme that was aimed at earning him the Republican nomination in the race for mayor, according to an AP article by Meghan Barr and Larry Neumeister published Tuesday.

Smith is among a group of five breakaway Democrats that formed a coalition with Republicans last year, marking the first time that the power in chamber has been shared.

Smith and the other five defendants were charged with six counts, including fraud and bribery. If convicted the defendants could all face decades in prices.

### Former Virginia firefighter, girlfriend charged with arson

Charles R. Smith III and his girlfriend Tonya S. Bundick of Accomac, Va. were arrested on Tuesday after an abandoned house was set on fire, according to a Tuesday AP article by Brock Vergakis.

According to state police, the couple are suspected in involvement in nearly

all of the 77 reported cases of arson in the past five months.

While they have only been charged with one case of arson, Virginia State Police spokesperson Corinne Geller said that she expects more charges to be filed soon.

Smith and Bundick are currently being held in Accomac County jail without bond, as they are waiting for their court cases which will occur today.

#### Two inmates escape Texas prison

Texas authorities have called on an all-out search party in search of escaped inmates Brian Tucker, 44, and John King, 39.

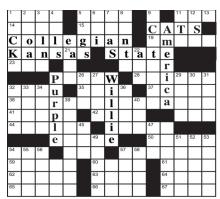
The two escaped on Tuesday morning at 8:30 a.m. from Hopkins County Jail in Sulphur Springs, Texas, according to a Tuesday ABC news article by Christina Ng.

Tucker was being held in jail while awaiting trial for capital murder while King was indicted for evading arrest.

It is currently unknown whether or not the two have stayed together or if they have split up, but their black and white uniforms were found nearly 100 yards from the prison.

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## WNIT | K-State at size disadvantage in matchup

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An all-Pac-12 performer, Plouffe leads the Utes in both scoring and rebounding this season and has been dominant in WNIT play. The junior has posted three double-doubles in four tournament games and is averaging 21 points and 14 rebounds during that stretch. She can step outside as well, leading the Utes in both 3-point field goals and attempts on 54-of-155 shooting.

Wicijowski is also more than

capable of giving the Utes a valuable contribution, as she averages 14 points to go along with seven rebounds.

This will be a tough matchup for an undersized team like the Wildcats as the Utes have a huge advantage in size

advantage in size.

If K-State's 5-foot-11 Chantay
Caron and 5-foot-10 Bri Craig
aren't able to corral the larger
Utah players inside, look for
Wildcat head coach Deb Patterson to employ a variety of defensive strategies to slow them
down, including dropping into

a zone defense or quick double-teams from the wings.

It should be a game of contrasting strengths as the Wildcats will have to rely on spacing and outside shooting on the offensive end. Senior guard Brittany Chambers has been on a roll lately, scoring at least 20 points in her last nine ballgames, a school record. Chambers was efficient in Saturday's win over Illinois, tallying 21 points on 8-of-15 shooting, including 5-of-11 from 3-point range.

It should be a game that

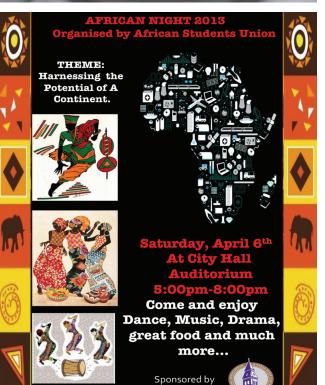
looks a lot like many others that the Wildcats have played against taller, bigger opponents throughout the Big 12 season. While the Wildcats have not always been able to grab the victory against teams like Utah, they understand what is at stake tonight and have prepared for it all season.

The winning team will move on to the NIT championship, where it will face the winner of the Drexel-Florida game, taking place at 6 p.m. at Drexel in Philadelphia.





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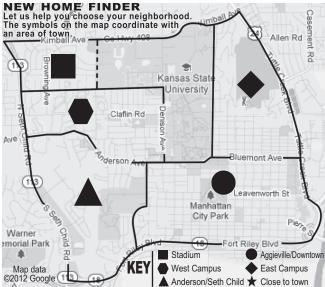
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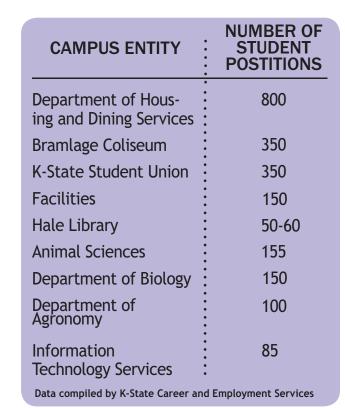
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said Audrey Trowbridge, junior in secondary education. "Some of us don't want to or have the option to rely on our parents, so that on-campus job or workstudy income can be a big deal."

Trowbridge, who works 21 hours a week as an office assistant in Anderson Hall, said that students depend on the income from campus jobs and that she is relieved that she and other students at K-State will remain unaffected by the cuts enacted by

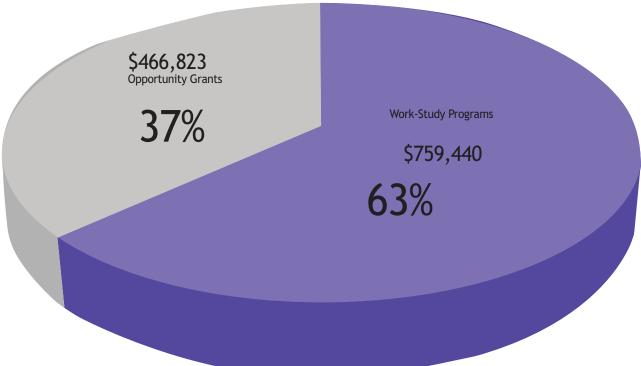
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"Losing funding campus jobs and work-study programs would mean that students would have to spend more time looking for off-campus jobs or take out more loans," Trowbridge said.

Of the various student jobs on campus, the largest on-campus job employer is the Department of Housing and Dining Services, which offers employment to 800 students every year.

Jaron Bowersox, senior in construction science, said that his job as a food





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service worker at Kramer Dining Hall not only kept him busy throughout his college career, but also kept his pockets full in his seven-year stint at K-State.

"I'm very grateful I had the opportunity that K-State gave me to work during college," Bowersox said. "I took a little more time than the average student going through my degree program, so having a decent job that gave me flexibility with school was definitely important."

Both Trowbridge and Bowersox said they worked roughly 20 hours a week, which gave them time to focus on school while earning money. Convenience, they said, was a factor that made the on-campus jobs more desirable.

"A lot of off-campus jobs are more time intensive," Trowbridge said. "I'm also

a nanny, and I know that if I had to do that full time, I would not be able to devote as much time to school."

Though the state of the economy still has many Americans cautious about their financial futures, dodging the work-study and opportunity grant sequester cuts will allow K-Staters to keep at least a limited amount of certainty in their

Add that to the fact that the national unemployment rate dropped to 7.7 percent in March, and the outlook may be brighter than one

would think. "It's starting to slowly look better — at least it's not as scary as it was before," Trowbridge said. "For now, though, I'm going to keep working and going to school and make sure I can take care of what I can control now."

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